

**Proposed Substitute  
Bill No. 5470**

LCO No. 3392

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR MINORITY  
STUDENTS IN HIGH SCHOOL TO PURSUE A COLLEGE DEGREE IN  
EDUCATION.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2016*) (a) There is established an educator  
2 pathways pilot program for minority students in grade eleven to take  
3 college courses in the field of education at participating state  
4 universities. The following school districts and state universities shall  
5 be partners in the pilot program: (1) The boards of education for the  
6 New Haven school district and the West Haven school district and  
7 Southern Connecticut State University, (2) the board of education for  
8 the New Britain school district and Central Connecticut State  
9 University, (3) the board of education for the Windham school district  
10 and Eastern Connecticut State University, and (4) the board of  
11 education for the Danbury school district and Western Connecticut  
12 State University.

13       (b) Not later than June 30, 2017, the partnering school district and  
14 state university shall enter into an agreement regarding the  
15 implementation of the pilot program. Such agreement shall identify  
16 the courses in the field of education to be offered to minority students  
17 participating in the pilot program as follows: (1) One existing course  
18 offered at the state university that includes introductory topics in the

19 field of education that may be offered for credit, provided there is  
20 space available in such course, and (2) two existing courses offered at  
21 the state university that include topics in the field of education that  
22 may be offered for credit. A state university (A) shall not charge tuition  
23 to the school district for minority students participating in the pilot  
24 program enrolled in the course described in subdivision (1) of this  
25 subsection, and (B) may charge tuition to the school district for each  
26 such minority student enrolled in the courses described in subdivision  
27 (2) of this subsection, provided such tuition shall not exceed the tuition  
28 charged to any student classified as an in-state student for tuition  
29 purposes pursuant to section 10a-29 of the general statutes. A  
30 partnering school district and state university may identify additional  
31 courses offered at the state university in the field of education to be  
32 included in the pilot program and such additional courses shall be  
33 paid for by charging tuition to the school district, in a manner similar  
34 to the tuition charged for courses described in subdivision (2) of this  
35 subsection, or with funds appropriated to the Office of Higher  
36 Education for the minority teacher recruitment program.

37 (c) For the school years commencing July 1, 2017, and July 1, 2018,  
38 each partnering state university shall enroll minority students in  
39 grades eleven and twelve in each partnering school district pursuant to  
40 the agreement described in subsection (b) of this section.

41 (d) A school district listed in subsection (a) of this section may  
42 include participation in the educator pathways pilot program in the  
43 plan submitted as part of such district's application to the Department  
44 of Education for alliance district funding, pursuant to section 10-262u  
45 of the general statutes, and use any such funds to enroll minority  
46 students participating in such pilot program at the partnering state  
47 university.

48 (e) Each school district listed in subsection (a) of this section shall  
49 designate an existing employee to serve as a counselor to minority  
50 students participating in the pilot program. The counselor shall  
51 provide information to such minority students about (1) teacher

52 shortage areas, as determined by the Commissioner of Education  
53 pursuant to section 10-8b of the general statutes, and (2) the advanced  
54 placement course program, as defined in section 10-221r of the general  
55 statutes, provided by the school district and whether such advanced  
56 placement course program includes course credit that is transferable to  
57 the partnering state university.

58 (f) For purposes of this section, "minority students" means those  
59 students whose race is defined as other than white, or whose ethnicity  
60 is defined as Hispanic or Latino by the federal Office of Management  
61 and Budget for use by the Bureau of Census of the United States  
62 Department of Commerce.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>July 1, 2016</i>	New section
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